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Dear Ms. Hesse:

The case against Microsoft has been a tremendous waste of time and money. Monopolies are when train companies won't let other train companies use their rail system. Monopolies are not when companies load a browser on to a computer—when a consumer can simply download the competing browser at the click of a button. When did this country lose the idea of open competition in the market place?

The cries from Microsoft's competitors were not legitimate. However, assuming they were justified, those issues are certainly dealt with in the existing settlement. This settlement will end much of the case and get the software industry working again. I urge the courts to endorse the settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Carlson", written over a horizontal line.

Bill Carlson